

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action of January 13, 2009. This request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS AND AMENDENTS

Claims 1-5 and 8 were objected as being unclear and including inferentially recited elements and lack of proper antecedent basis. More particularly, Examiner suggested that it was unclear how the entire first and second compressive layer can have 0.25mm while...the thickness thereof is 0.05mm or more. Claim 1 was amended to clarify this point, and the amended portion now reads, “an air space amount of said first compressive layer is 0.10 – 0.20 mm while a total air space amount of the first and second compressive layers is 0.25 mm or more”. After this amendment, it is clear that the air space amount of the first compressive layer is 0.10-0.20mm but the total air space amount of the first and second compressive layers is 0.25mm or more. The term “air space amount” was actually used throughout the original specification and also in the abstract of disclosure in the PCT application. Also, “hardness thereof” is amended to “a hardness of said separation layer” and “the thickness thereof” was amended to “a thickness of said separation layer” all for clarification purpose. No new matter has been added.

Also, Examiner’s antecedent base objection and improper terminology objection were all cleared by this amendment. Finally, the elements “a supporting body” and “a separation layer” were suggested to be inferentially recited. Therefore, Applicant amended Claim 1 to positively state the supporting body and separation layer by using the

explanation in the original specification. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Because of the above-identified and fully discussed differences, it is respectfully submitted Claims 1-5 and 8 are now in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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